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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING - AIR TRANSPORT FOR
KIDNAPPERS

REFS: USBERLIN 367; USBERLIN 366; HARTMAN-HILLENBRAND
TELECON

1. AT FEBRUARY 28 TRIPARTITE MEETING FRENCH REP,
UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS AMBASSADOR, PROPOSED THAT
ALLIES RESPOND TO SENAT REQUEST FOR HELP IN ARRANGING
AVIATION TRANSPORTATION FOR LORENZ' HIJACKERS WITH
STATEMENT OF READINESS TO RAPIDLY CONTACT HIGH-LEVEL
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN EAST BERLIN REQUESTING
EXCEPTIONAL NON-PRECEDENT AGREEMENT TO ONE-TIME
LUFTHANSA ENTRY INTO THE BCZ. FRENCH REP SAID
THAT PARALLEL APPROACH BY FRG TO GDR WOULD, OF
COURSE, BE REQUIRED. HE SAID INITIATIVE COULD
BE BASED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND
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APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES COULD BE GIVEN TO THE

EASTERN SIDE THAT REQUEST WAS ON NON-PRECEDENT BASIS. NOTING THAT THE GDR HAD BEEN MAKING POSITIVE NOISES WITH RESPECT TO BEING HELPFUL IN THE KIDNAPPING SITUATION, BOISSIEU SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR OBTAINING AGREEMENT WERE BUT THAT IT WAS WORTH THE EFFORT SINCE A POSITIVE EASTERN RESPONSE WOULD REMOVE ALLIES FROM VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. AFTER DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL, US AND BRITISH REPS AGREED TO MAKE CORRESPONDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THEIR AMBASSADORS. UK REP SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED TO REPORT THAT LONDON AGREES TO FRENCH PROPOSAL. WE CONTINUED TO RESERVE OUR POSITION.

2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT FRENCH PLAN MAY WELL BECOME FOCAL POINT OF INTEREST IF BY TOMORROW GERMAN EFFORTS TO CHARTER PLANE SEEM TO BE AT IMPASSE. AT THAT POINT OUR PARTICIPATION IN ALLIED APPROACH TO SOVIETS MIGHT BE ONE OF FEW INITIATIVES AND POSITIVE STEPS THAT USG COULD TAKE IN KIDNAPPING SITUATION. OUR ASSUMPTION (UPON WHICH WE WILL OPERATE UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE) IS THAT USG TERRORIST POLICY ABSOLUTELY PRECLUDES USE OF USG AIRCRAFT TO MEET TERRORIST DEMANDS AND THAT GOVERNMENT PRESSURE ON US AIR CARRIERS INDUCING THEM TO MAKE AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE ON COMMERCIAL BASIS ALSO OUT OF THE QUESTION.

3. REGARDING DAVIS/CASH TELECON. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR USAF SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR GERMAN OFFICIALS. USAF HAS RECEIVED NOTICE OF APPROVAL FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE GOING FORWARD.
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